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Public Meeting to Discuss National Historic Landmark Study

One of the best preserved sites of its kind, the Tule Lake Segregation Camp is due to be studied as a possible National Historic Landmark. The National Park Service will host a meeting to discuss the National Historic Landmark Program and this study on the evening of January 18th, from 6:00 to 8:00 o'clock, in the Newell Elementary School. This is an opportunity to ask questions and learn about options for the commemoration of this area.

At the onset of World War II, more than 120,000 Japanese Americans, most of whom were citizens or legal residents and half of them children, were displaced from their homes in western states to one of ten internment camps. Tule Lake Segregation Camp was the largest, with a peak population of 18,789 detainees. Also the highest security camp, it was plagued with harsh conditions and unrest, and was ringed with high barbed- wire fences, guard towers, and army troops, including eight armored tanks.

Today, the Tule Lake site still has many of its original structures intact, and is in better condition than any other. It is hoped that these remains might help tell the story of an important chapter in American history to future generations of citizens.

Lava Beds National Monument's mission is to preserve and protect the significant natural and cultural resources associated with Lava Beds and provide for the public understanding, education and enjoyment of these resources, including wilderness resources and research. For more information, please contact the monument by phone, on the Web at www.nps.gov/labe, or visit them at their beautiful new Visitor Center.